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In re Application of

La Mura, et al.

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a), filed May 9, 2007. The petition will be treated under 37 CFR 1.181, as a request that the Office withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed October 4, 2006, which set forth an extendable three (3) month period for reply. The Office contended that this application became abandoned on January 5, 2007 for failure to reply to the October 4, 2006 non-final Office action. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 10, 2007.

Petitioners constructively request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on the assertion that an amendment and request for three month extension of time and require fee were timely received in the Office on April 4, 2007. The undersigned has located the original documents in the application file and Office financial records shows that the required three month extension of time fee was charged on April 9, 2007. The mailroom date of the payment was April 4, 2007. Therefore, the three month extension of time and amendment were timely filed.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **granted**, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn, and the April 10, 2007 Notice of Abandonment is **vacated**. No petition fee has been or will be charged in connection with this matter.

The \$500.00 Rule 137(a) petition fee will be credited to deposit account no. 19-2555.

The application file does not indicate a change of address has been filed in this case, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. A change of address should be filed in this case in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address noted on the petition. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application will be mailed solely to the address of record.

After the mailing of this decision, the application file will be forwarded to Technology Center A.U. 3693 for consideration of the amendment filed on April 4, 2007.

Telephone inquiries pertaining to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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